billion cubic metre. Projects envisaging 76.8 billion cubic metre of storage are under construction.

- (d) Yes Sir.
- (e) It has been assessed that it may be possible to utilise 224 billion cubic metre of additional waters through inter-basin water transfers. Studies and surveys for the purpose have been taken in hand.

## Production of Iron Ore Concentrate and Pellets in KIOCL

\*357. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: SHRI C. P. MUDALAGI-RIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of iron ore concentrate and iron ore pellets in Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIO-CL) during 1989-90 and 1990-91:
- (b) the quantity of those items exported by KIOCL during the above period:
- (c) whether any new agreement between China and India has been signed for export of those items; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) The production of Iron Ore Concentrate and Pellets by Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. (KIOCL) during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 was as under:

Item			(In dry Lakh M 1989-90		etric tonnes) 1990-91
Iron ore Concentrate			•	53.89	60.06
Iron ore Pellets .		•	•	19.76	19.19

## (b) The information is given below:

ltem			(In	dry	Lakh Me 1989-90	tric tonnes) 1990-91
Iron ore Concentrate			•		34.04	39.06
Iron ore Pellets .					19.46	18.36

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. KIOCL has signed agreements with three parties for export of 3.70 lakh tonnes of iron ore concentrate to China during the year 1991-92.

## Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Orissa

- \*358. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa till date; and

(b) the steps taken to provide telephone connections expeditiously, especially in Western Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 5346 number of persons are waiting for telephone connections in Orissa as on 30-6-1991.

(b) Expansion plans are drawn for clearing the present waiting list progressively during the 8th Plan period.